

Amendment
Serial No. 10/500,333
Attorney Docket No. 042536

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please replace the sheet of drawings by the replacement sheet which is submitted with this paper, in which the labels have been translated into English and reference numbers have been corrected.

REMARKS

By the present amendment, the specification has been amended to insert section titles and a brief description of the figures, and to correct reference numerals.

Also, the drawings have been amended with labels translated into English and correct reference numerals.

Further, claim 1 has been amended to recite a solar display and a lunar display, that the solar display comprises an annular LCD screen placed at a periphery of a dial of the watch that displays the duration of the night along the annular LCD screen between a sunset time and a sunrise time, and that the lunar display is located at a center portion of the dial of the watch defined by the annular screen.

Support for the added recitations in claim 1 are found in the original application, in particular in claim 2 (solar display) and in the Figures (location of lunar display).

Also, the claims have been rewritten so as to recite the features of the invention more positively.

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 is the only independent claim.

In the Office Action, the specification is objected to as to its presentation.

Subsection titles and a brief description of the Figures have been added in the description. Also, reference numerals have been corrected. Accordingly, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as indefinite. It is alleged in the Office Action that the claims are “incomprehensible and require revision.”

As a preliminary, it is noted that the claim 9 is not included in this rejection. Since the objection attaches to claims 1-8, whereas amendments to claims 1-8 and a new claim 9 were submitted in the preliminary amendment filed with this national stage application on June 28, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the preliminary amendment.

Further, by the present amendment, claims 1-9 have been rewritten to recite the features more positively, and in particular, claim 1 has been amended as detailed above to recite a solar display and a lunar display having the features as recited in present claim 1.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the objection should be withdrawn.

Next, in the Office Action, reference is made US 5023849, US 5208790 and US 5898645 as disclosing watches with solar and lunar displays.

Reconsideration of these references is respectfully requested. It is submitted that US’849 is silent as to moon or lunar phases, and US’790 and US’645 disclose display features that are complex and difficult to read.

In contrast, the presently claimed invention provides a solar display and a lunar display, in which the solar display comprises an annular LCD screen placed at a periphery of a dial of the watch that displays the duration of the night along the annular LCD screen between a sunset time and a sunrise time, and the lunar display is located at a center portion of the dial of the watch defined by the annular screen, as recited in present claim 1. An advantage of these features is

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that the readability of the solar and lunar information can be considerably enhanced, as explained in the specification and as illustrated in the exemplary embodiment shown in the Figures. These features of the presently claimed invention and their advantages are not taught or suggested in any of the references listed in the Office Action.

In conclusion, the invention as presently claimed is patentable. It is believed that the claims are in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

If there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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